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## Via Overnight Delivery

Hairy Steinmetz (3HS62)
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 3
1650 Arch Street
Philadelphia, PA 19103-2029

Re:

Safety Light Corporation Site, Bloomsburg, PA

Dear Mr. Steinmetz:

Please let this letter serve to memorialize our respective voice mails today regarding the 104(e) response requested of Monsanto Company for the above-referenced site.

As I indicated in my message, this extension of time is being asked for due to our desire to provide as thorough a response as possible. Our efforts to provide responsive information have been slowed down due to a witness being unavailable due to the death of his spouse and the holiday season generally. While it appears that we are about 75-80% complete in this process, the additional time is needed to complete the response.

Previously, you provided an extension of time to January 6, 2006. Per your voice mail you have agreed to an additional thirty (30) days; or, February 6, 2006. You indicated that this extension of time would not be a problem.

Along with the reasons previously stated, coordination with the U.S. Department of Energy is needed on this response as the Mound Lab contract DE-AC04-76DP0053 may be implicated. It is my understanding that the Department of Energy also desires this extension of time as efforts to locate documents from the DOE repository for the relevant time period are proving to require additional time.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

Vicki J. Wright

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cc:

Molly Shaffer, Esq., Monsanto Company

Randy Tormey, Esq., U.S. Department of Energy

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